

# Eggar's School

Eggar's is a highly successful mixed 11-16 Academy and is firmly established as one of the best state schools in Hampshire.

Its long history began in 1638 when John Eggar, a local farmer, realised his idea of providing a school to serve the needs of the community. The first Head Teacher was appointed in 1642, the date that appears on the school badge today.

Eggar's is set in a magnificent 30 acre site with state of the art teaching and sporting facilities. The school site provides a spacious and stimulating learning environment where inspirational teaching flourishes.

The quality of the school's provision and support for children of all abilities is reflected by two consecutive 'Outstanding' Ofsted inspections.







# Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Eggar's. I hope this prospectus will give you a flavour of our successful and thriving school. To fully experience its spirit, enthusiasm and energy, there is no substitute for seeing us in action during a normal school day. If you and your child would like to tour the school, please don't hesitate to make an appointment.

Our website contains much more information – from catering to curriculum, from transport to trips.

Take a look!





Patrick Sullivan - Head Teacher



## Our Values

# Encouraging every individual to belong, to aspire, to achieve

We are an aspirational school that aims to empower and prepare all our students for a rapidly developing world by equipping them with a sense of responsibility, respect and a lifelong enthusiasm for learning. We offer:

- a school where ambition, experiences, achievement and belonging go hand in hand;
- a safe and happy community with pride, respect and belief at its heart:
- a school that cares, develops personal potential and independence for the future.



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## Smaller than the average secondary school

We are smaller than the average school and this allows us to know our students really well.

Class sizes are also smaller with a high ratio of adults working with the students. This creates a fantastic support network and an engaging school community.

Eggar's School prides itself on its high quality teaching, its exceptional care and support to its students, a curriculum that is innovative and personalised as well as exciting extra-curricular opportunities that develop our students' creativity, talents and passion for learning.

# Outstanding Performance

Over the last five years we have been one of the highest performing state schools in Hampshire and in the top 15% nationally. This is due to the relentless pursuit of outstanding teaching and learning, high quality professional development and a focus on each and every child.

Look at our latest examination results.

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We have been 'Outstanding in all categories' from our last two Ofsted inspections. The key features of that judgement have not only been how the school enables children of all abilities to make outstanding progress, rivalling the best schools nationally, but also the school's capacity to continue to raise the standards attained by our students year on year.

"Eggar's School is a truly outstanding school. Students are exceptionally mature and are great ambassadors for the school. Their commitment to learning and enjoyment of all aspects of school life permeate the learning culture and family ethos of the school." (Ofsted)







The transition from primary to secondary is made much easier by the warm, caring and supportive atmosphere at Eggar's.

We have a comprehensive transition programme to ensure that there are no surprises for your child as they begin the next phase of their education. From the moment you have confirmed their place at Eggar's in March, they will start to spend time at the school – becoming familiar with the teachers, the school environment and what they can expect in September. There are two activity days at the end of term in July which are a fantastic opportunity for bonding and making new friends.

### Transition

We take pride in relationships with parents, keeping you in touch with your child's work from day one.

We do this by offering:

- · online access to their homework timetable;
- · one to one review meetings;
- · Termly Progress Reviews;
- · parents' evenings.

We will also send you a weekly email with news of forthcoming events such as after school clubs, trips and visits.





### Individual Needs

Liaison with primary schools ensures that any student with individual needs experiences a smooth transition to secondary school. All students in Year 7 are screened for reading and spelling early in their first term so that focused tuition or individual programmes may be planned. We are one of 6 schools in the county providing Resourced Provision for students with dyslexia.

At Eggar's we believe that all students are unique and it is the aim of the school to help all of our students to reach their full potential. The Individual Needs Department seeks to help students and staff to find strategies to remove any barriers they may encounter that could hinder their progress.

Most of our students follow a traditional curriculum. However, a small number of learners have a more personalised curriculum to match their individual needs, interests and abilities.



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#### Curriculum

We seek to match the curriculum to the needs of the individual so that each student develops confidence and a sense of achievement through learning. We want every student to be both challenged and inspired.

During Years 7 and 8 (Key Stage 3), students study a broad curriculum closely aligned to the National Curriculum. They will also learn about important issues of personal, social and health education.

In Years 9, 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4), students work towards their GCSEs. They continue to study a core of examined subjects such as English, Maths and Science, plus their options from a range of other subjects including languages, history, geography, PE and music.

We are proud of our innovation in teaching and learning such as BYOD, Bring Your Own Device. We have developed our ICT infrastructure to enable students to bring their own tablet devices into school and use them in classes in a secure environment.



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# Extra Curricular

We offer an extensive and wide ranging programme of extra-curricular activities to further enhance the educational experiences of our students and to develop new interests. Many departments offer extracurricular activities for all ages and abilities as part of our exciting Eggar's Experience programme, with lunchtime, after school and off-site opportunities.

We are particularly proud of our reputation for music, drama and sporting success. The music extracurricular opportunities are exciting and diverse, from individual instrumental tuition to Big Band and Barber Shop.

A wide range of sports are available after school, from athletics to trampolining, and students are encouraged



to participate for their enjoyment, helping them to develop an active life style, and to facilitate sporting excellence through inter-school area and county competitions.

We offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a fun and challenging team building course, which starts in Year 9 and is completed by the end of Year 10.

Trips and visits are an important part of the school's year. Whether day outings or longer international expeditions, school trips allow our students to learn outside the classroom, with some important realworld experiences, which can enhance confidence and independence.





# The Eggar's Experience

The Eggar's Experience is designed to provide students with an opportunity to record the significant moments in their lives, both inside and outside of school, with a view to complementing their academic work.

It consists of eleven separate challenges, all of which are designed to showcase how 'able and talented' every one of our students is. Built into these challenges are skills, abilities and talents that we believe are essential for a young person to be an active citizen in today's world.



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#### Students' Views

"I barely recognise the person I was at the start of year seven. I realise how much I have changed and how Eggar's has contributed to the development of me as a person, a student and a member of society. I can genuinely say I enjoy coming to Eggar's. The passion for life which I have acquired is a result of the enthusiasm with which I have been taught for the last four years."

#### Peter Morris, Head Boy

"I came to Eggar's used to being a big fish in a small pond and had to adjust to being a small fish in an even bigger pond; it was incredibly daunting. But now, I couldn't picture myself anywhere else. Eggar's is an amazing school that provides a safe and friendly environment for students to learn and find out not only who they are but also who they want to be. The school can provide lots of educational experiences where you can not only learn but have fun as well."

Carys Morgan, Head Girl





# Year 7 students comment on their first year

"Settling in to Eggar's was easy and straightforward. I got to learn my way around in just a few days. Making friends was easy and I enjoyed all the subjects in the first term. The summer camp days were a fun way to learn about the school and subjects and to get used to the environment."

"The induction day really helped me get a feel for what Eggar's would be like. My tutor has helped me with lots of things and I can't wait for the next 5 years."

"This school is full of opportunities! This has been a great start to my secondary school life. I can't wait for what my future holds at Eggar's!"



"I love the school, I feel very welcome and I have made new friends. I have been offered many opportunities such as becoming a digital leader and going to an event in Southampton. This is a really fun and caring school."

"I have made some great new friends and the tutors are really nice. There are lots of after school activities which are great for everyone."



